

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Restriction Requirement of February 6, 2008 has been carefully reviewed and the following remarks are responsive thereto. Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-9 and 33-35. By the present amendment, Applicant cancels non-elected Group II and III, including claims 10-24 and 25-32, respectively, reserves the right to pursue such canceled claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications and adds claims 36 and 37. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-9 and 33-37 remain pending in this application upon entry of this amendment. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same. However, if for any reason the examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance or there are any questions, the examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (202) 824-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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